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THERE FOLLOWS A DRAFT TOAST REQUESTED IN REFTEL FOR THE
SECRETARY'S POSSIBLE USE AT THE DINNER HOSTED BY FONMIN
AREILZA FOR THE SECRETARY THE EVENING OF SATURDAY, JAN 24:

BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE: MR. FOREIGN MINISTER

THE DELIGHTS OF SPANISH HOSPITALITY AS WELL AS THE
NEEDS OF POLICY URGED ME TO COME TO SPAIN AS SOON AS IT WAS
MUTUALLY CONVENIENT. I MUST SAY, HOWEVER, THAT IF YOU HAVE
THESE DINNERS EVERY NIGHT I DON'T SEE HOW YOU MANAGE TO STAY
IN THE FIGHTING TRIM THAT SOME FOREIGN MINISTERS PROFESS.

WITH YOUR WARM HOSPITALITY, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER,
HAVE COME WARM WORDS OF WELCOME, SPOKEN WITH A CLARITY AND
GRACE RARE IN OUR DAYS. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THESE WORDS.
I KNOW THEY REPRESENT THE SINCERE ASPIRATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES
TO FORTIFY A RELATIONSHIP ROOTED IN MUTUAL NATIONAL
INTEREST AND IN THE HUMAN TIES TO WHICH MY OWN NATION,
CELEBRATING ITS BICENTENNIAL, OWES SO MUCH OF ITS HERITAGE.

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I MUST SAY TO OUR SPANISH FRIENDS THAT YOUR

FOREIGN MINISTER IS A REMARKABLE ASSET. HE EXPLAINS SPAIN'S ASPIRATIONS AND FOREIGN POLICY WITH EQUAL ELOQUENCE IN FRENCH, GERMAN AND ENGLISH. OUR COLLEAGUES TELL ME SOMETHING EVEN MORE NOTABLE ABOUT YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER. NO MATTER WHAT LANGUAGE HE IS SPEAKING, HIS FOREIGN POLICY IS THE SAME. THIS IS TRULY REMARKABLE.

MY GOOD FRIEND THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS A TASK WORTHY OF HERCULES, HE HAS SET OUT TO LEVEL THE PYRENEES. IN DEMOLISHING THE MYTH THAT EUROPE BEGINS AT THE PYRENEES, MAKING THEM A SIMPLE, THOUGH MAGNIFICENT, MOUNTAIN RANGE, THE SPANISH WILL HAVE DONE THE REST OF EUROPE, AS WELL AS SPAIN, A SIGNAL SERVICE.

HIS MAJESTY, KING JUAN CARLOS I, IN HIS INAUGURAL MESSAGE FROM THE THRONE, MADE CLEAR THE PHILOSOPHICAL NECESSITY OF THIS EFFORT. IT IS TRUE, AS HE SAID, THAT THE IDEA OF EUROPE WOULD BE INCOMPLETE WITHOUT SPAIN, THAT THE SPANISH ARE EUROPEANS AND THAT THE SPANISH AND THE OTHER EUROPEANS SHOULD DRAW THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS FACT. MY GOVT RECOGNIZES THIS AND SUPPORTS SPAIN'S EFFORTS TO MAKE IT A REALITY.

THE UNITED STATES DOES SO, FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT WE ARE ALL PART OF A WIDER ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, ONE BASED ON A COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS AND SHARED IDEALS THAT MUST BE PRESERVED AND ENHANCED, LEST THE CHAOS THAT IS ABROAD IN THE WORLD ENGULF OUR OWN SOCIETIES, TO THE EVERLASTING DETRIMENT OF OUR PEOPLES.

PERHAPS I MAY BE PARDONED, IN THIS YEAR OF OUR BICENTENNIAL, IF I QUOTE FROM BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. HE SAID THAT IF WE DO NOT ALL HANG TOGETHER, WE SHALL ALL HANG SEPARATELY. THE DIVERSITY OF WESTERN CULTURE - AND THE SPANISH HERITAGE IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL FOUNTS OF CULTURE IN THE WESTERN WORLD - ENRICHES OUR LIVES. BUT HISTORICAL TRUTHS AND PRESENT CHALLENGES REQUIRE US TO ENHANCE THE COMMONALITY OF OUR ASPIRATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS. IN SO DOING WE PRESERVE FOR THOSE WHO COME AFTER US THE VALUES AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WESTERN

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CIVILIZATION, UNDER WHICH OUR SINGULAR NATIONAL IDENTITIES CAN FLOURISH.

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY OF THE VISION OF SPAIN'S INTERESTS WHICH YOU HAVE SET FORTH IN PUBLIC AND IN PRIVATE. YOUR SPLENDID NATION AND ITS TALENTED PEOPLE HAVE MADE ENORMOUS STRIDES, PARTICULARLY REMARKABLE AFTER THE SEARING EXPERI-

ENCE OF A CIVIL WAR. WE AMERICANS KNOW SOMETHING OF CIVIL WARS, THOUGH FORTUNATELY OUR LIVING GENERATIONS HAVE NO EXPERIENCE OF IT. IT TAKES A GREAT EFFORT OF WILL AND COMPASSION TO "BIND UP THE WOUNDS", IN ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S PHRASE, AND IN TIME REUNITE A PEOPLE IN PROSPERITY AND POLITICAL CONSENSUS SO THAT THEY MAY PURSUE IN TRANQUILITY THEIR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INTERESTS.

THAT SPIRIT, LOOKING TOWARD "AN EFFECTIVE CONSENSUS OF NATIONAL CONCORD", IN THE WORDS OF HIS MAJESTY, IS MUCH IN EVIDENCE AND HAS CALLED FORTH HOPE AND PRAISE IN THE OTHER NATIONS OF EUROPE AS WELL AS IN MY OWN COUNTRY. WHAT SPAIN DOES IS UP TO SPAIN. WE WILL NOT INTERVENE OR INTERFERE. BUT THE U.S. -- AND I SPEAK FOR EXECUTIVE, CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- SUPPORTS YOUR KING, HIS GOVT AND HIS PEOPLE IN THE ENDEAVOR TO LEAD SPAIN ON A PATH OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH NEW LINKAGES TO THE REST OF EUROPE AND THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY THAT GIVE FULL SWEEP TO THE TALENTS AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE.

I KNOW THESE TASKS WILL NOT BE EASY AND THAT THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO SEEK TO BLOCK YOUR WAY, INCLUDING SOME WHO DO SO IN THE SERVICE OF A LARGER WOULD DESIGN OF HEGEMONY. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE WISDOM - AND WILL BE GIVEN THE UNDERSTANDING - TO FIND A SPANISH ROAD TO FULL INTEGRATION WITH EUROPE AND THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY IN THE BENEFIT OF SPAIN AND THE WESTERN WORLD.

IN THIS CONTEXT THE WORK THAT WE ARE COMPLETING THIS WEEK END MARKED BY THE SIGNING OF A TREATY (OR AGREEMENT) TAKES ON A WIDER MEANING. IT FORTIFIES AND REFORMS A BILATERAL
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RELATIONSHIP THAT TAKES ON ITS GREATEST IMPORTANCE AS A MAJOR LINKAGE AMONG TWO NATIONS OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. I SHOULD ADD THAT YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER IS A TOUGH NEGOTIATOR, ONE WITH A CLEAR CONCEPT OF SPANISH NATIONAL INTEREST. I THINK THAT IT WILL BE QUITE OBVIOUS WHEN THE TREATY (OR AGREEMENT) IS MADE PUBLIC TOMORROW THAT THE INTERESTS OF SPAIN HAVE BEEN ENHANCED IN THE FORGOING OF A BALANCED RELATIONSHIP OF BENEFIT TO BOTH OUR NATIONS. THIS TREATY (OR AGREEMENT) IS AN EARNEST OF MY COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR THE PATH UPON WHICH SPAIN HAS EMBARKED.

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO YOU THIS EVENING. I WOULD LIKE NOW TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO HIS MAJESTY, KING JUAN CARLOS I AND TO THE SUCCESS OF THE COURSE THAT HE SET FORTH SO ELOQUENTLY IN

HIS INAUGURAL MESSAGE FROM THE THRONE. UNQUOTE. END TEXT.
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